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# Letters to the Editor of The Times

## Acts Against Cuba ✓

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To the Editor:

Possibly James Reston is correct, in his column on the Aug. 9 editorial page, in his assertion that reconciliation with the next Cuban generation will indeed be most difficult. It seems that he would have us believe, as do most critics of Castro's Cuba, that the Cuban people are poisoned by daily anti-American propaganda.

According to Mr. Reston such propaganda is designed to keep fresh in mind the Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961, which we would desperately like to pretend never happened. It occurs to me that possibly the Cubans are not nearly as paranoid as many critics would lead us to think.

On Aug. 7, three days after the Reston column, Havana reported the capture of six prisoners trained by and in the pay of our Central Intelligence Agency, ✓ whose admitted purpose was to carry out acts of terrorism and assassination of Cuban leaders, hopefully Fidel Castro.

Neither the United States State Department nor the C.I.A. has denied the assertion from Havana, which seems to suggest the allegation is valid.

Now there seems to be an apparent need for the Cubans to protect themselves from us. The best way to achieve this is not to be captivated by our rhetorical overtures, when in fact we are at present harboring and training avowed enemies of the Cuban Government, and supporting these enemies with money and a base operation, Bahia Honda, Fla.

Our violence, self-deception and self-righteousness have severed the friendship of a natural ally. An honest effort to accommodate the philosophic differences between us is in order —rather than the aggressive stance we have assumed far too

long.  
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Amherst, Mass., Aug. 15, 1967

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